

**Common Council  
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 31 S. Madison Street, Evansville, WI

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Hurlley at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Mayor Bill Hurlley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Larry Dobbs, Rick Cole, Dianne Duggan, Joy Morrison, Erika Stuart, and Ben Ladick arrived at 7:11pm. Alderperson. James Montgomery was absent. Others present: City Administrator/Finance Director Ian Rigg, Customer Service Clerk Leah Hurlley, City Attorney Mark Kopp, and Library Director Megan Kloeckner.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Dobbs to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of December 11, 2018 and approve as presented.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Cole to waive the reading of the minutes of December 11, 2018 regular meeting and approve them as presented. Motion approved 6-0.
5. **Civility reminder.** Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum.
6. **Citizen appearances.** None
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report.** Kloeckner gave a construction update and reported a meeting will be held on Thursday this week (January 10, 2019). They are hoping to finalize dates we will be closed to move into the renovated space. They are starting to work on organizing the new History Room this week. Kloeckner also reported they have started a Teen Advisory Board. They have their first meeting this month. This group will consist of students in grades 6-12. They will assist the library in developing and implementing programs that serve local teens. It will also provide the participants with opportunities to promote literacy, gain volunteer hours, and experience the responsibilities of serving on a board. We received 16 applications and have at least one representative from each grade level. Hurlley inquired on the status and condition of the original floor that was found. Kloeckner states they are in good condition considering the age.
  - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report.** No report.
  - C. **Plan Commission Report.** Stuart reported discussion of Removal of Roundabout at 6<sup>th</sup> and Badger. Stuart shared there was discussion and approval of Conditional Use Application CUP-2018-12 to allow an Outdoor Display on Parcel 6-27-958.091A2 at 801 Brown School Road (Ace Hardware). Stuart also shared a summary on an article shared on Affordable Housing. Rigg asked what the outcome of the discussion for the Roundabout and shared discussions from the Municipal Services meeting discussed the removal also the traffic count does not support the need. Brooks said the concern at Municipal Services was that pedestrian crossings would have to be redone and the cost of removing the Roundabout is just a little more than the removal would only be a little more. Sergeant shared it was part of the Smart Growth project and creates a visual clutter

causing people to take caution and slow down. Morrison contributed a concern for the Westside expansion and getting trucks through.

**D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- (1). Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to accept the City bills as presented in the amount of \$2,374,958.85. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- (2). Cole made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution 2019-01, Donation and Inter-Fund Loan to TID 5. Rigg stated we need to do this for the auditor. We will put cash into fund 12 from TID 5. TID 5 will use a donation from TID 8 as allowed and an inter-fund loan from Water and Light. Repayment will occur as increment comes in. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report.** No motion could be made on the agenda items.

**F. Municipal Services Report.** No report.

**G. Economic Development Committee Report.** Stuart made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve Shawn Dunphy's (Urban Exchange Consignments) Revolving Loan Fund application and agreement. Sergeant discussed the template for the application and it will be used going forward. Motion approved 6-0 on a roll call vote.

**H. Redevelopment Authority Report.** No report.

**I. Parks and Recreation Board Report.** Morrison reported a short meeting occurred at which they discussed park road closure due to the winter months. Antes Fund check should be arriving next week. Discussed Park Master Plan chapters 1-3.

**J. Historic Preservation Commission Report.** Morrison reported one approved application for second story replacement windows at 8 S. Madison Street, matching first story windows.

**K. Fire District Report.** Dobbs reported short meeting. 13 fire calls during November. A concern for daytime fire calls. Update on DOT regulations regarding tire rotation – state amending to contact tire manufacturer for recommendations. The building generator has been checked and needs small amount of maintenance.

**L. Police Commission Report.** No report.

**M. Energy Independence Team Report.** No report.

**N. Board of Appeals Report.** No report.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**A. Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-13, Amending Chapter 122 – Traffic and Vehicles.** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Ordinance 2018-13, Amending Chapter 122 – Traffic and Vehicles. Rigg shared a report. Motion approved 6-0.

**9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator.** Rigg shared the 2015 PD Squad was totaled and the City received \$21,000 from insurance. Down to 3 squads

including the Tahoe. The 2014 is no longer warranted and is starting to show signs of expensive problems. Instead of repair bills, the department will invest to make the Tahoe more patrol capable. The 2014 will be traded as planned for a 2019 squad car. Staff evaluations and City Administrator evaluations are being typed up and will begin to be scheduled. Utilities, there were 130 accounts with Public Fire Protection fees that are now out of tariff parameters and 30-35 that should be in. The Auditors explained what happened on the rate case to cause the change we did not expect. All parties dropped the ball in highlighting this change. We are looking at a \$4-5,000 loss in PFP that may be amended in the tariff later this year. WCMA Winter Conference in Sheboygan Feb 27-Mar 1. Rigg will be attending the APPA Rally in DC. Rigg submitted an application to the International Exchange Program with ICMA. If selected he would host an international counterpart to his position here in Southern Wisconsin. They would see how local government and communities function in the USA. He in turn would do the same. The costs, would include air fare and meals. He would provide a place to stay in his home and vice versa. If he were to be selected he would be out for 2 weeks in September and hosting middle of October before going to the ICMA National Conference in Nashville from October 19-23.

**A. Use of speaker in over flow area at City Hall.** Dobbs reported he doesn't feel there is a great demand for such improvements. Ladick arrived to meeting at 7:11pm. Brooks feels that keeping it working would be worth it. Ladick said he could get an amplifier and the cost would be around \$20.00. Dobbs withdrew his comment after hearing the costs. Rigg stated the importance of if a meeting requires the overflow speaker, maybe having a special meeting for the topic would be advised.

**B. Ehlers Conference.** 2-3 openings for those interested in attending February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor.** Mayor Hurtley due to lack of snow the budget is looking good. 317 Cherry Street was making press and Mayor Hurtley has answered questions for those asking. Rigg said options for future use include demolishing or sending out a RFP, either option will go before the Planning Commission.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances.** None

**13. Meeting Reminders:**

**A.** The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

**14. Adjournment.** Ladick made a motion, seconded by Brooks to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion approved 7-0.

Leah Hurtley, Customer Service